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I am bewildered and naturally not a little angry about the cancellation, and wish to point out that this is just another instance of the kind which makes professional people unwilling to work for government agencies. I believe my special knowledge of the Far East should be used by our government, but treatment of this sort, which from my point of view can only appear capricious, is discouraging, to say the least.

I think you should know that I rejected two other offers to accept this position; that a certain amount of pressure was placed upon me from several quarters to accept this important job; that my research salary here has already been committed to other persons, resulting in serious financial embarrassment; and that I had spent one solid month in detailed preparation for the assignment, neglecting my proper research duties. One cannot help but feel that some compensation is due us for this extensive preparation.

I do not doubt that serious internal needs and pressures dictated the decision. As an [redacted] I am familiar with this sort of problem. However, I would like to point out that once when I found myself in a position similar to you and your Agency's, I brought the person in question to the office anyway, and was able to use his services in other ways. Surely your program on the Far East is broad enough to be able to use people with specialized knowledge and methodological tools in more ways than one.

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I want to restate my desire to be of service to the government, but I think that one has a right to expect somewhat more security and consistency of treatment. I hope that this embarrassing incident will not be the end of my relations with your agency. I would appreciate a letter of fuller explanation.

Luckily your wire stopped me from mailing the last two packages. Only one has been sent. Please return this. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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